

FINAL SOUTHWEST REGION HURRICANE RITA UPDATE OF October 3, 2005 – 1500 HOURS

PERSONNEL STATUS:

Team demobbed as of this morning

COSTS TO DATE: About \$15 million in damages

SOUTHWEST REGION T-3 COMMAND TEAM FINAL REPORT

October 2, 2005

- No accidents to date
- Several cases of poison ivy
- Chambers County officials and the Texas EOC have rescinded their request that FWS T-3 Command Team remain in Texas for an additional 14 days
- All 16 trailers were received and set up on pads at a park on Hwy 565 near Cove, TX. All were cleaned. Fourteen are ready for occupancy, twelve of which are currently occupied (five families are in residence there). Bathtub and electrical components have been ordered for the remaining two trailers and they will be operational tomorrow.
- Team transitioned command to Patrick Pearson, ICT3 and demobilized most resources, leaving 11 law enforcement officers and 7 maintenance workers
- Transition plan, transition of control and documentation package completed
- No equipment has been left

McFaddin NWR and Port Arthur, TX

Accomplishments:

- Drinking water transferred from ICP to McFaddin

Updated damage assessment:

- Mold in office ceiling/attic needs to be remediated

Texas Point NWR

Accomplishments:

- Team members were assigned to work at other stations

Trinity River NWR

Accomplishments:

- Additional 3 miles of right-of-way cleared and reopened

Anahuac NWR and Anahuac, TX:

Accomplishments:

- Seven remote electrical hook-up points installed and operating
- Cement barn and volunteer circuits will be installed tomorrow

- Small material (gravel) was taken from parking lot and used to repair the erosion under the East Bay overlook slab
- All remaining roads were cleared of debris (additional 5 miles)

Law Enforcement Emergency Assistance (summary report to-date):

- Detained seven treasure seekers on beach at McFaddin NWR; booty was confiscated and information turned over to Jefferson County officers
- Fire lane at ICP Motel 6 needs to be cleared
- Relinquished LE command to Agent Clay Ronish

Eleven LE agents remain to assist Jefferson County Sheriff department and provide security for area refuges

END REPORT